

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

Ladies & Junior Girls Section

Committee Meeting Held on: Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 2pm at the clubhouse

Present:

Jackie Wilson	Lady Captain
Jane Paine	Secretary
Cicely Welch	Vice-Captain
Jenny James	Treasurer
Sally Hawkridge	Assistant Secretary
Joy Crawford	Handicap Secretary
Debbie Knight	Assistant Handicap Secretary
Debbie Lennon	Immediate Past Captain
Lynn Scoones	Committee Member
Grace Burke	County Delegate

The meeting started at 2pm

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Jan Bailey and Sandy Wright.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the last meeting (12th March 2019) were agreed as a true record and a copy signed by the Lady Captain.

3. Matters Arising

- **3. (4.b.2.B)i-ix.** The Lady Captain is still in the in process of checking the 'Blue Book' sheets.
- **3. (4.b.2.B)ix.** The Lady Captain has been unable to see Margaret Joyce about her 4BBB competition yet.
- **4.c.** Entry fee for Coronation Foursomes – costs covered by usual entry fee
- **4.g.ix.** County Interclub Foursomes – based on responses from the lowest handicap players the Lady Captain has entered a scratch and silver pair.

- **6. iii.** The Lady Captain replied to Margaret Joyce about the Championship and Spring Cup.
- **AOB (i).** Playing off Blue Tees. The competition had been posted on *Howdidido* before scraping the Blue Tees.

4. Reports

a. Lady Captain

The Lady Captain reported that:

- i) Annodata result – we lost 2/3 to Dorset Golf and Country Club
- ii) DLPGA Scratch Knockout Cups:
Bronze: the Parkin Cup is to be played on 17th April against Queens Park at Knighton Heath. The team is Wendy Hanford, Lin Levens and Pam Chard.
Silver Humphreys Bowl also against Queens Park will be played at Queens on 10th May. The team is Linda Holden, Debbie Knight and Janice Webster.
- iii) Group lessons for ladies – she has asked Andy about doing more this year, which he has agreed. There is a notice on the board for people to sign up if interested.
- iv) Daily Mail Foursomes – unfortunately Jayne King and Janice Webster lost their second-round match against Boscombe Ladies on 5th April.
- v) There is a new member: Gill Mills (handicap 34)

1. Management Committee and Captains Committee

- i) The World Handicapping system is not yet finalised but is due to be implemented by November 2020, although it will run in parallel with the existing system earlier in 2020.
- ii) EG, together with Blufin will provide personal liability cover for every golfer. The plan is to roll this out to Counties, then to golf clubs and then to every golfer with a view to going live from 1st July 2019. Only golf club members who have been registered with EG via the CDH system will be able to make a claim directly with Blufin.
- iii) From 1st May the men will run a one-year trial of no divisions for their competitions with just 7 straight prize winners.
- iv) The total playing membership is now 541

2. Social

- i) The next function is the Elton John Tribute night on Saturday 1st June. Basket meals, chicken drumsticks or sausages both with chips will be offered. The entry fee will be £11 per person for entry, meal, and reserved seating and £5 for entry only.
- ii) Captains Day will take place on Saturday 13th July. There will be a free disco available to all members after the prize giving.

b. Secretary

The Secretary reported that:

- i) There are currently 11 groups for the Open on 7th May and already 8 groups for the Coffee Morning later in the year.
- ii) She noted that there were fewer entrants for the Open than last year, but could not explain the decline. She had emailed several entrants from 2018 but unfortunately, got no responses.

c. Treasurer

The Treasurer circulated the March expenditure sheet and reported that:

- i) The accounts looked healthy, with a surplus of £700.85. This is due to the Open entrance fees without prize money reductions.
- ii) The Office Manager had put money from the Captain vs. Vice Captain's day in the Ladies Section accounts rather than the Lady Captain's charity. This has now been corrected.

d. Handicap Secretary

Nothing to report.

e. Junior

Nothing to report.

f. County Delegate

Nothing to report.

5. Forthcoming Events

- a. DLCGU Championships 24th – 28th April. The Lady Captain said that she hopes to attend during the event but will not be there on the first two days. The County Delegate reported that she is still looking for ball-spotters to help across the 5-day event.
 - i) To reduce scheduled tee times during a very busy period, it has been suggested by Alan Magee and the Office Manager that the Bogie Competition on Sunday 28th April be cancelled as a PR exercise to minimise

disruption to the members. The Committee agreed this was a good idea, but suggested members that are already booked on *Howdiddo* (or anyone who wanted to play on Sunday) could still play the competition but at a time of their choice. **Action: County Delegate to contact members already booked on *Howdiddo*.**

- ii) A risk assessment has been completed for the event by Kevin Way and it has been suggested that ball-spotters should wear high visibility tops/tabards or clothing that is bright and noticeable. Lynn Scoones thought there were some high visibility tabards and agreed to look for them. Insurance implications for those people helping with the event is also being checked. **Action: Lynn to look for high visibility tabards and give them to the County Delegate.**
- iii) The Secretary offered to provide a flower arrangement for the locker room. **Action: The Secretary**

b. Ladies Open 7th May – The Lady Captain reminded the Committee that she would not be able to attend the event because of her forthcoming surgery. However, she had already put some arrangements in place (see below) and the Committee then discussed responsibilities and outstanding things-to-do in detail. The following acts as a record and checklist for the event:

- The Lady Captain has arranged with the Office Manager for the tent and tables to be erected.
- Denise, the Functions and Events co-ordinator will arrange glasses, paper table-clothes and napkins and will help set the tent up.
- A buggy has been booked for the day.
- Numbers & Income: There are 44 entrants to date. This is fewer than last year so prize money will be reduced accordingly. Debbie Lennon will send a spreadsheet she used last year to calculate prize money to the Lady Captain. **Action: Debbie Lennon**
- Prizes – It was agreed the prizes should be Marks and Spencer vouchers plus small bottles of wine. **Action: The Lady Captain or Debbie Lennon to buy the prizes**
- The Lady Captain will buy Pimms, lemonade and soft drinks for the refreshment tent. She will also buy sweets for the reception desk. **Action: Lady Captain**
- The County Delegate to provide a flower arrangement for the prize table. **Action: County Delegate**
- The Vice-Captain to purchase and prepare the fruit for the Pimms. **Action: Vice-Captain**
- Jan Bailey has already purchased the toiletries which are stored in the drawer of the Ladies Office and just need putting out. **Action Jane Paine & Joy Crawford.**

- On the day–Reception Desk/booking entrants in: Handicap Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Sharon Aldrich.
- On the day – 2's Sweep and Raffle: Treasurer and Sharon Aldrich (note: raffle prizes to be displayed near the reception desk)
- On the day – Checking Cards/Results: Handicap Secretary and Treasurer
- On the day – Refreshment Tent – Assistant Secretary and Sharon Aldrich.
- The Vice-Captain to arrange nearest pin markers, tape measures and boards out onto course -8th (nearest in 2), 11th (Bronze nearest the pin) and 18th (Silver nearest the pin). **Action: The Vice-Captain**
- On the day–Helper's Refreshments: It was agreed that those helpers who were around all day could have a sandwich and drink free of charge. Those helping for a few hours only would be entitled to a free drink. A tab would be arranged behind the bar.
- Tee times will start from around 09:15hrs so helpers will be needed from 08:00hrs. **Action: All**
- Catering - cakes and savouries: A notice requesting food for the refreshment tent is in the locker room.
- Debbie Lennon offered to prepare flowers for the locker room. **Action: Debbie Lennon**
- On the day – The Starter will be Steve Jones.
- The Lady Captain has already produced the Captains Charity Notice for the reception desk and Hole in Two's notice i.e. if none, the money goes to charity
- On the day - Food Menu: In addition to the usual menu options, entrants can pre-order the following for £5.80 a) lasagne, fries and salad b) tartlets, fries and salad or c) cheese, egg or tuna salad with new potatoes. The Secretary will produce an options sheet (similar to the start sheet) for use on the reception desk. **Action: The Secretary**
- Raffle Prizes – There are some already in the Ladies Office but more are needed.
- On the day – Photographs of the event, prize giving etc: The Assistant Secretary agreed to do this on behalf of the Lady Captain. **Action: Assistant Secretary**

6. Correspondence

- i) The Lady Captain received an email from Sandy Wright on 15th April 2019. The Secretary read out the email to the Committee and the Lady Captain's response. In summary, Sandy Wright asked that the Flag Competition scheduled for the following day (16th April) revert to one winner (one competition) only, rather than three division winners (three competitions) as scheduled. She set out her reason for the request, which essentially was that the Ladies Section was playing the competition incorrectly, although the Lady Captain explained that information provided on specific websites were a matter of interpretation. The

Lady Captain explained that it was too late to change the competition at such short notice (she received the email after 9pm) and, importantly, she still believed the format was the right one for a large Ladies Section. The Committee agreed with this view and, after a vote unanimously agreed that it was not necessary to revisit the topic at a future meeting as it had previously been discussed at length.

7. AOB

- i) The Secretary raised the matter of new members with 37+ handicaps who currently do not have a division to play in when entering competitions and who might struggle to play at the correct pace. This issue was highlighted by Barbara Regler who has a 44 handicap and is scheduled to play in the EG medal and Knighton Bowl competition on 23rd April 2019. It was noted that Barbara was scheduled to lead the field on 23rd April and the Committee were concerned that this would put her under unnecessary pressure, especially as this was her first medal competition. After discussion it was agreed that, the Lady Captain will talk to Barbara to suggest she moved her tee time to earlier or later to reduce the pressure on her. **Action: Lady Captain**

This topic prompted a broader discussion on any new member with a handicap above our high bronze division and what guidance should be given to them on joining the Ladies Section. The Committee agreed the following:-

- a) encourage them to play in all fun competitions (non-qualifiers);
- b) discourage them from playing in medal competitions, initially, as this can prove demoralising until their game/handicap improves. If they do want to enter, encourage them to play at a late tee time to avoid being under-pressure from the field behind;
- c) encourage them to play in stableford competitions as the ability to pick-up takes the pressure off and helps to maintain a good pace of play;
- d) remind them that the majority of the club cups and competitions are set to a maximum of 36 handicap. This does not preclude them from playing, but winning will prove much more difficult so they may prefer to wait until their handicap is closer to 36;
- e) finally, currently, KHGC does not have a division for handicaps above 37, although this would be reviewed if more ladies with a higher handicap join.

- ii) The Treasurer said that recently purchased toiletries had already gone missing from the locker room. She suggested only putting out basic items from now on.

- iii) Debbie Lennon and Lynn Scoones reported that we had won the Friendly match against Dorset Golf and Country Club (DGCC) on 15th April. In addition, the DGCC team members were very complimentary about the food and course.
- iv) The Vice-Captain reported that we had won our first Interclub match at Wareham 4-3.
- v) The County Delegate questioned why *Howdido* was not showing aggregate scores for Sunday and Tuesday competitions. She agreed to speak to the Pro-Shop and ask them to explore this issue again. **Action: County Delegate**
- vi) Finally, all the Committee wished to extend their sincere condolences to fellow committee member Jan Bailey, and to all her family, on the sad and unexpected death of her husband Alan.

MEETING CLOSED AT 4:00pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21st May 2019 at 2pm

Signed:Lady Captain

Date:.....